

An update from the Editor

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As we begin the 144th volume of the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, it is my pleasure to introduce new members of the Editorial Board and to thank those who have concluded their terms on the Board.

The Editorial Board performs impressive work in reviewing approximately 1600 manuscripts that are submitted to the *JTCVS* every year. Their work encompasses all aspects of cardiovascular medicine, requiring innovative and broad expertise. Our ability to maintain the excellent quality of the *Journal* is a direct result of the effort and outstanding academic excellence put forth by the Editorial Board, and the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* consists of the best and brightest in the field.

Joining the Editorial Board of the *JTCVS* are the following bright and motivated individuals: Andrea Carpenter from the University of Texas, San Antonio; Sudish Murthy from the Cleveland Clinic; Hiroshi Date from Kyoto University, Japan; Rakesh Suri from the Mayo Clinic; Benjamin Kozower from the University of Virginia; J. William Gaynor from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Patrick McCarthy from Northwestern; Antoon Lerut from the University Hospital Leuven, Belgium; and Rick Nishimura from the Mayo Clinic. I appreciate their willingness to serve in this role and we look forward to their insight and expertise in the review of manuscripts.

Leaving the Editorial Board are Philippe Menasche, Eric Butchart, Vinod Thourani, Patrick O'Gara, Edward Bove, Raphael Bueno, W. Randolph Chitwood, and Tom Treasure. I would like to extend sincere thanks to all of them for a job well done. Their knowledge and dedication to the Editorial Board has been a contributing factor to the continued outstanding success of the *Journal*.

A favorite quotation of mine by Woody Allen is "eighty percent of success in life is showing up" and that reminds

me of our outstanding Associates Editors. They "show up" consistently with great intellect, thoroughness, and timeliness in the review process for the *JTCVS*. They are busy surgeons who have never failed in their roles and their value cannot be overestimated. The quality and quantity of work they expend on the *Journal* is amazing. I applaud each and every one of them for an outstanding job and thank them for "showing up." An expert addition to our "star-studded" Associate Editor ranks is Nevin Katz. Nevin is an Associate Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Clinical Professor of Surgery at the George Washington University Medical Center, and has been appointed Associate Editor of Perioperative Management. Dr Katz assumes this responsibility from Stanton Shernan, MD, whom I thank for an excellent job overseeing this new section of the *Journal*, which, under his direction, exceeded our expectations. His contributions were numerous and we will miss him.

Many thanks to Elsevier and David Sampson, who does an outstanding job with all of the AATS publications, as well as Ryan Walther, Lisl Jones, and Nicole Baritot in our editorial offices and Ann Maloney who works in my office at the Brigham and does yeoman's work in keeping the Editor on track.

To our authors and readership always remember "people know you for what you have done, not what you plan to do," so please continue to submit your excellent work to us so we can proudly print it in the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, where we have the privilege of publishing work from the most accomplished doctors in the field. If you have any feedback for the Editor, please do not hesitate to share it with us.

I am proud to be the Editor of the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and I am looking forward to its continued excellence in volume 144.

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